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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6589

INFO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAID IBRD BM JA

SUBJ: BURMESE INTEREST IN IBRD AND SEAMED

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ECONCOM/MIN SEPT 6, MIKANAGI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FONOFF, RAISED QUESTION OF BURMA. GUB'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF ISOLATION IS GIVING WAY TO ONE OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, HE SAID. IN PARTICULAR, MIKANAGI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GUB HAD APPROACHED IBRD (DIAMOND) TO REQUEST IBRD TAKE INITIATIVE IN FORMING SOME KIND OF GROUP TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BURMA. DIAMOND HAD RESPONDED, SAID MIKANAGI, THAT GUB MIGHT FIND POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES' REACTION TO SUCH A PROPOSAL COOL. GUB SHOULD FIRST CONCENTRATE ON CULTIVATING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. ONLY THEN COULD IT EXPECT THEM TO PROVIDE AID. CONCEIVABLY, QUESTION OF BURMA MIGHT COME UP AT FORTHCOMING IMF/IBRD MEETING, MIKANAGI SAID.

2. MIKANAGI CONTINUED TO EXPLAIN THAT ALTHOUGH OTHER MEMBERS HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED BURMA TO BE A MEMBER OF SOUTH-

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EAST ASIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE,

BURMA HAS NEVER PARTICIPATED IN SEAMED MEETING. THIS
YEAR, FOR FIRST TIME, BURMA WILL PARTICIPATE. BURMESE
AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN WILL ATTEND SEAMED MEETING, SCHEDULED
FOR OCTOBER 11 TO 13 IN TOKYO, SINCE COMPETENT MINISTER
FROM RANGOON HAD PREVIOUS COMMITMENT.
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